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1. After the incident precipitated by [REDACTED] the statement by General P. A. Dibrova that East Berlin is part of a sovereign East German state, Minister President Otto Grotewohl [REDACTED] proposed that East Germany should close the Berlin air corridors to all traffic unless tolls are paid by all aircraft flying to and from Berlin over "sovereign" East German territory. The amount of the proposed tolls is not stated. 25X1
2. [REDACTED] information has emanated from the East German Ministry of Finance that Grotewohl has insisted that the "German Democratic Republic", as a sovereign state, should control its air space and charge tolls in the air corridors. 25X1

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